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Treaty of Peace with Arabian Chiefs.

Treaty of Peace in perpetuity agreed upon by the Chiefs of the Arabian Coast in behalf of themselves, their heirs and successors, under the mediation of the Resident in the Persian Gulf.

WE, whose seals are hereunto affixed, Sheikh Sultan-bin-Suggur, Chief of Rasool-Kheima, Sheikh Saeed-bin-Tahnoon, Chief of Aboo Dhebbec, Sheikh Saeed-bin-Butye, Chief of Debay, Sheikh Hamid-bin-Rashed, Chief of Ejman, Sheikh Abdoolla-bin-Rashed, Chief of Ummool Keiweyn, having experienced for a series of years the benefits and advantages resulting from a maritime truce contracted amongst ourselves under the mediation of the Resident in the Persian Gulf, and renewed from time to time up to the present period, and being fully impressed, therefore, with a sense of the evil consequence formerly arising from the prosecution of our feuds at sea, whereby our subjects and dependants were prevented from carrying on the pearl fishery in security, and were exposed to interruption and molestation when passing on their lawful occasions, accordingly, we, as aforesaid, have determined, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, to conclude together a lasting and inviolable peace from this time forth in perpetuity, and do hereby agree to bind ourselves down to observe the following conditions:—

ARTICLE I.

That from this date, viz., 25th Rujub, 1269 (4th May, 1853), and hereafter, there shall be a complete cessation of hostilities at sea between our respective subjects and dependants, and a perfect maritime truce shall endure between ourselves and between our successors, respectively, for evermore.

ARTICLE II.

That in the event (which God forbid) of any of our subjects or dependants committing an act of aggression at sea upon the lives or property of those of any of the parties to this Agreement, we will immediately punish the assailants and proceed to afford full redress upon the same being brought to our notice.

ARTICLE III.

That in the event of an act of aggression being committed at sea by any of those who are subscribers with us to this engagement upon any of our subjects or dependants, we will not proceed immediately to retaliate, but will inform the British Resident or the Commodore at Bassidor, who will forthwith take the necessary steps for obtaining reparation for the injury inflicted, provided that its occurrence can be satisfactorily proved.

We further agree that the maintenance of the peace now concluded amongst us

shall be watched over by the British Government, who will take steps to insure at all times the due observance of the above Articles, and God of this is the best witness and guarantee.

(L.S.)	(Signed)	ABDOOLLA-BIN-RASHED, <i>Chief of Ummool Keireyn.</i>
(L.S.)	(Signed)	HAMID-BIN-RASHED, <i>Chief</i> <i>of Ejman.</i>
(L.S.)	(Signed)	SAEED-BIN-BUTYE, <i>Chief</i> <i>of Debay.</i>
(L.S.)	(Signed)	SAEED-BIN-TAHNOON, <i>Chief of the Beni yas.</i>
(L.S.)	(Signed)	SULTAN-BIN-SUGGUR, <i>Chief</i> <i>of the Joasmees.</i>

Approved by the Governor-General in Council on the 24th August, 1853.